



HF Happenings 795

Volume 16, Issue 5, the week of 14 May 2018



Looking towards SOTA ZS/WC-225 Rabiesberg, ZS/WC-632 and ZS/WC-236 Naudeberg in the mist, I am in the Nuy Valley

May 2018 Radio Amateur Exam

The best of luck to all the candidates writing the RAE on Saturday 19 May. A big thank you to all the Clubs, lecturers and invigilators who have made this happen. We hope to have many new voices on air soon.

Seventeen new Hammies in Bhisho

The South African Radio League (SARL) congratulates Dave Higgs, ZS2DH and his team who ran a special Radio Amateur Exam boot camp which saw 17 youngsters from a rural community write the Class B RAE on 30 April. These youngsters are from the Bhisho Scout Group and were encouraged by their Troop Scouter Lunga Nqini, to become radio amateurs.



This group was sponsored by the local community church but will need further sponsorships/donations to continue with their amateur radio activities. The ZS2ZU and ZS6ZU Hammies clubs have each sponsored a VHF radio for this group. We are appealing to the amateur community for further donations. If you are willing to help, please contact Dave Higgs at om@zs2dh.co.za or Noel Hammond at zr6dx@iafrica.com

Source: SARL News 13 May 2018. Hammies Amateur Radio Club www.facebook.com/zs6zu/

2017 CQ WW CW Contest scoring change

A change in scoring methodology for duplicate contacts (duplicates) in the CW weekend of the 2017 CQ World Wide DX Contest led to an inconsistency with the standards by which logs submitted for the SSB weekend of the same contest were scored.

You can now download your copy of HF Happenings from www.sarl.org.za/hf_happenings.asp

May

15 - International Day of Families
16 - Start of Ramadan
18 to 20 - Hamvention 2018, Xenia, Ohio
19 - May RAE (10:00 to 13:00 CAT); the AMSATSA Space Symposium and the Royal Wedding
20 - ZS3 Sprint
21 - Closing date for AWA Valve QSO Party logs
24 - Closing date for June Radio ZS
25 - Cape Town ARC meeting
26 - Shiraz and Charcuterie Festival, Franschhoek
25 and 26 - CQ WPX CW contest; Pretoria ARC rally communications at the Secunda SCC; Stoep Tasting Wine Weekend, Graaff-Reinet
25 to 27 - South Africa Bike Festival, Kyalami; Greyton Genadendal Classics Festival
27 - Closing date ZS3 Sprint logs
31 to 3 June - Wacky Wine Weekend, Robertson

June

1 to 3 - Ham Radio 2018 in Friedrichshafen
2 - West Rand ARC Flea Market
4 - World Environmental Day
8 - World Oceans Day
8 to 10 - Taste the Helderberg, Somerset West
8 to 17 - Hermanus FynArts Festival
10 - Hammies Sprint
13 to 17 - Port St Johns Umngazi Pondo Pedal
15 - Eid-al-Fitr
15 to 17 - Napier Wine and Pataatfees
16 - Youth Day; East Rand ARC Flea Market; Franschhoek Winter Wines Festival
17 - Father's Day; World QRP Day; closing date for Hammies log sheets
21 - Winter Solstice
21 to 25 - SARL Top Band QSO Party
22 - all schools close; closing date for the July Radio ZS
22 to 24 - Morgan's Bay Footprint Festival
23 - Cape Town ARC meeting
30 - World Asteroid Day; end of the SARL Financial year
29 June to 1 July - Kirkwood Wildfees
29 June to 8 July - Knysna Oyster Festival

After considerable discussion and debate among members of the CQ WW Contest Committee and consultation with CQ management, it has been decided to restore the original scoring methodology and to rescore all CW logs for 2017.

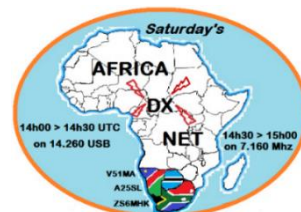
It is not expected that this will result in any changes to the order of finish. Updated scores will be published online on the CQ web site www.cq-amateur-radio.com and the CQ World Wide DX Contest website www.cqww.com. The contest community will be notified once the re-scoring is completed.

73, CQ WW Management

African DX

Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award (www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp)

Botswana, A2. Dave, VE7VR will be active holiday style as A25VR from Botswana between 24 May and 3 June. He will be active on 40, 30 and 20 metres. QSL via VE7VR



Egypt, SU9. Nacho, EA1AK/EA7TN, continues to be active as SU9JG from Gezira Island, in the Nile River, near Cairo (Zone 34). Activity has been on FT8 and on 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via LoTW or EA5GL. Check QRZ.com for more details, especially for QSOs on FT8.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Canary Islands, EF8. Juan, EA8RM (ex-EA8CAC), will be active as EF8R during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest on the weekend of 26 and 27 May as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or EB7DX.



Senegal, 6V. Alfredo, IK7JWX and a team of operators are planning their 3rd Humanitarian DXpedition. Activity will be from Carabane Island (AF-078), Senegal, for 10 days sometime in November 2018. The call sign is not known yet, but they hope to be assigned a special 6V0 prefix. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

3B7A DXpedition DXCC And LoTW Status. From the 3B7A Facebook page www.facebook.com/SaintBrandonDX. Dears friends - "Few days ago we have submitted the documentation to the DXCC desk. The 3B7A operation has been accepted for DXCC programme! Today, we are happy to provide the LoTW upload to our 'early donors' and those who have already requested their DIRECT cards through OQRS. We will make the complete log upload later in a couple of weeks."

ZS9FOC and the FOC 80th Anniversary Challenge (join in and have some CW fun...)

Steve, W5BIB, reports: In May 2018 the First-Class CW Operators Club, FOC, will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary. Between 1 and 31 May our members from around the world will be active on the bands using CW with special callsigns, many of them containing the number '80'. The challenge is being run as a leader board on ClubLog, <https://clublog.org/foc.php> and your ranking in the leader board determines the award level you achieve. All stations are welcome to participate.

The rules of the challenge:

- * Times: Start at 00:00 UTC on 1 May and end at 24:00 UTC on 31 May 2018
- * Points are scored by making CW QSOs with FOC members and special call signs, once per band
- * All bands, 160 to 10 m are included
- * QSOs with special callsigns containing "80" score 10 points per band
- * QSOs with special callsigns containing "FOC" score 5 points per band
- * QSOs with FOC members score 1 point per band
- * The leader board stops at 800 entrants

To view the leader board visit https://clublog.org/foc_leaderboard.php. To find FOC members on the bands, we recommend using the DJ1YFK skimmer, which is available at <http://foc.dj1yfk.de/bandmap>, or the G7VJR FOC Cluster, which can be viewed at <https://dxlite.g7vjr.org?foc=1>.

Awards - at the end of the challenge awards are made as follows - Top 80: Gold Award; Top 400: Silver Award and Top 800: Bronze Award. To claim your certificate please contact Art, KZ5D, by e-mail to art@kz5d.com after the end of the challenge.

Special Calls -- The following special calls are expected to be active in May 2018 for the FOC 80th Anniversary Challenge: ZS9FOC, GX4FOC, GS4FOC, GC4FOC, GH4FOC, GT4FOC, GP4FOC, GN4FOC, GB80FOC, 5B80FOC, 9J80FOC, DF80FOC, DJ80FOC, DK80FOC, DM80FOC, DP80FOC, HA80FOC, IJ7FOC, IR0FOC, K2FOC, K5FOC, K6FOC, K7FOC, KM4FOC, KT5FOC, M0RSE, N4FOC, N5FOC, OL80FOC, OZ80FOC, PA80FOC, PA80JLS, PF80FOC, PH80FOC, R80FOC, RA/SD80FOC, S580FOC, SC80FOC, SF80FOC, SM80FOC, SP80FOC, SX80FOC, TM80FOC, VE2FOCW, VE3FOCW, VE5FOC, VE6FOC, VI6FOC80, VU8FOC, W1FOC, W2FOC, W5FOC, W9FOC, WA5FOC, WF1OC, YR80FOC, ZB2FOC and ZL1FOC. We look forward to working you during our celebration in May 2018.

IARU Region 3's 50th Anniversary

HL50IARU from Korea (1 May to 31 October) and VI50IARU3 from Australia (1 April to 31 August), as well as YB50IARU from Indonesia, are special call signs celebrating the 50th anniversary of IARU Region 3, established in Sidney on 12 April 1968. See <http://awards-iaru-r3.org> for information on the awards issued free of charge for working these and other commemorative special call signs.

Royal Wedding Special Prefixes

Subject to prior authorisation, amateur radio operators in the United Kingdom may use special prefixes starting at 23:00 UTC on 18 May through 21 May to signify the marriage of HRH Prince Henry of Wales to Ms Meghan Markle. The Regional Secondary Locator (D, I, J, M, U and W, plus E for Intermediate licences) in the existing call sign may be replaced by the letter 'R'; where no Secondary Locator exists, the letter 'R' may be inserted as a Secondary Locator.

For instance, MDOABC (Isle of Man), MIOABC (Northern Ireland), MJ0ABC (Jersey), MM0ABC (Scotland), MU0ABC (Guernsey), MW0ABC (Wales) and MOABC (England) may all be amended to MR0ABC. Alan, 5B4AHJ is maintaining a Club Log Helpdesk article to help clarify which special calls are active from which DXCC Entity. The list does NOT include stations operating from England (Club Log does not need an exception for them) <https://clublog.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/folders/98233> and select "2R, GR & MR prefixes - Royal Wedding, 2018".

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 14 to 21 May 2018

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 14 May
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and Power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 16 May 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://qrpcontest.com/4sqrp>
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

Phone Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 May
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band;

Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 18 May 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: [http://www.per-luma.com/Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf](http://www.per-luma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 16 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 19 May 2018
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 16 May
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: United Kingdom
Mode: RTTY, PSK
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 17 May 2018
Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/r80_mcc.shtml

NAQCC CW Sprint
00:30 - 02:30 UTC 17 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1.5 x if bug, 1 x if other
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 May 2018
E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net and/or jcoreyc@gmail.com
Upload log at: http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint201805.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 18 May
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 20 May 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 May
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 20 May 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

Portuguese Navy Day Contest
09:00 UTC 18 May to 17:00 UTC 20 May

Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB, Digital
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB, digital or mixed; Exchange: NRA Club: RS(T) and member no; non-member: RS(T) and QSO no
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: See rules
 Multipliers: See rules
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:00 UTC 4 June 2018
 E-mail logs to: contest@nra.pt
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.nra.pt/portuguese-navy-day-contest---2018.html>

Slobozhansky Sprint Contest
 18:00 - 19:59 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:59 UTC (CW)
 18 May
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 160, 80 m
 Classes: Single-Op Multi-Band - CW, SSB or both; Single-Op Single-Band; Multi-Single
 Exchange: Serial no and Administrative District (URDA, RDA, province, state)
 Work stations: Once per band per 15-minute period (see rules)
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each administrative district once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 8 June 2018
 E-mail logs to: ut0lwr@ukr.net
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://ut0lwr.wixsite.com/gotdr/slo-bozhanskij-sprint>

UN DX Contest
 06:00 - 21:00 UTC 19 May
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op Single Transmitter; SWL
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts
 Exchange: Kazakhstan: RS(T) and District Code; non-Kazakhstan: RS(T) and QSO no
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-

Kazakhstan: 10 points per QSO with Kazakhstan station
 Multipliers: Each KDA district once per band; Each DXCC country once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 3 June 2018
 E-mail logs to: log@undxc.kz
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://undxc.kz/bez-rubriki/2015-2/>

NZART Sangster Shield Contest: 08:00 UTC-11:00 UTC 19 May and 08:00 UTC-11:00 UTC 20 May
 Geographic Focus: New Zealand
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: Single Op QRP
 Single Op Overseas
 Max power: non-ZL: >5 watts; ZL: 5 watts
 Exchange: ZL: RST, serial no and Branch no; non-ZL: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per half hour
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: ZL branches once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 16 June 2018
 E-mail logs to: sangster@nzart.org.nz
 Mail logs to: Contest Manager, Glenn Kingston ZL2KZ, 53 Tannadyce Street, Wellington 6022, New Zealand
 Find rules at: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contest-rules/rules-sangster-shield/>

His Majesty the King of Spain CW Contest
 12:00 UTC 19 May to 12:00 UTC 20 May
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: EA: RST and province; non-EA: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each EA province once per band; Each EADX100 entity once per band; Each special (EA0) station once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 4 June 2018
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <http://concursos.ure.es/en/logs/>

Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://concursos.ure.es/en/s-m-el-rey-de-espana-cw/bases/>

EU PSK DX Contest
12:00 UTC 19 May to 12:00 UTC 20 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: BPSK63
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - 24 h or 12 h - high or low; Single Op Low Bands - high or low; Single Op High Bands - high or low; Single Op Single Band - high or low; Multi-Single (YM/OM); Multi-Multi (YM/OM)
Max power: HP: 100 watts; LP: 10 watts
Exchange: EU: RST and EU area code; non-EU: RST and QSO no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; non-EU Stations: 5 points per QSO with EU
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each EU area code once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 25 May 2018
Upload log at: http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.eupsk.com/eupskdx/eupskdxrules.pdf>

Aegean RTTY Contest
12:00 UTC 19 May to 12:00 UTC 20 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op
Exchange: RST and QSO no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 15 June 2018
E-mail logs to: aegeanrtty@gmail.com
Mail logs to: Aegean RTTY Contest, PO Box 04, 83100 Samos Hellas, Greece
Find rules at: <http://www.aegeandxgroup.gr/dx-pdf/AEGEAN%20RTTY%20CONTEST%20RULES.pdf>

Feld Hell Sprint
16:00 – 17:59 UTC 19 May and 20:00 - 21:59 UTC 19 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide
Mode: Feld Hell
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 23 May 2018
Upload log at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhell-club/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhell-club/Home/contests/sprints/hamvention-sprint>

Baltic Contest
21:00 UTC 19 May to 02:00 UTC 20 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op CW/SSB; Single Op 2 Hrs CW/SSB; Single Op CW; Single Op SSB; Multi-Single; SWL
Exchange: RS(T) and serial no
Work stations: Once per mode
QSO Points: ES/YL/LY Stations: 1 point per QSO with EU; ES/YL/LY Stations: 2 points per QSO with non-EU; EU Stations: 10 points per QSO with ES/YL/LY; EU Stations: 1 point per QSO with non-EU; non-EU Stations: 20 points per QSO with ES/YL/LY; non-EU Stations: 1 point per QSO with non-ES/YL/LY
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 10 June 2018
E-mail logs to: balticcontest@inbox.lt
Mail logs to: Baltic Contest, PO Box 210, LT-44003 Kaunas, Lithuania
Find rules at: <http://www.lrsf.lt/en/balticcontestrules/>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 21 May
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Band; All Band
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power
Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once;
Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 27 May 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/>

Norway introduces 2x1 contest call signs

Following a long-time request from the Norwegian contest community, the Norwegian Communication Authority (NCA) recently permitted the use of 2x1 contest call signs for individual radio amateurs. With few exceptions Norwegian 2x1 call signs have been reserved for club stations, which have also been permitted to use the LN prefix in contests. The new call signs will use the LC prefix and one letter suffixes. The 2x1 call signs are available for all radio amateurs with a Norwegian call sign. They are issued for contest use only and must be renewed every five years.

The first issue from the new call sign series took place on 15 April during Norsk Hammeting 2018, the biggest amateur radio event in Norway. All applicants had to list five call signs in order of priority. Some call signs were applied for by several testers, and those were allocated by random drawing among the applicants. All applicants received one of their listed call signs. 27 call signs were issued in the first issuance. The remaining call signs will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Norsk Radio Relae Liga (NRRL), the national amateur radio organization of Norway, has been given the responsibility to administer the contest call sign scheme on behalf of NCA. NRRL charges an administrative fee of 1 000 NOK (approximately \$125, €103 or R1 531,86) on issue and renewal, while NCA charges the same fee on issue only.

"We hope the shorter call signs will improve the QSO rates and the call sign readability and reduce the error rates for our contacts. With five and six characters call signs, Norwegian testers may we have felt a little disadvantaged, but now we can be on equal terms with many testers in other countries. Our only remaining issue now is our location way into the aurora belt, but that is a challenge we probably will have to live with", says Rag, LB3RE, leader of the NRRL Contest Committee, with a smile.

"We are very pleased that the 2x1 call signs finally materialized, and hope this will inspire the Norwegian testers to increased activity and recruit more testers", says Bjorn, LB1GB, leader of LA Contest Club. We hope to see you in many contests.

73, Frode LA6VQ, NRRL Contest Committee

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 23 May
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 May
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 23 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 24 May
RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 24 May
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 25 May
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 May
CQ WW WPX CW Contest, 00:00 UTC 26 May to 23:59 UTC 27 May
QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 28 May

3Y0I Bouvet Island DXpedition News

The following was posted on 10 May on the Bouvetoya Web page at <https://bouvetoya.org/>. Bigger chances for a bigger team at 3Y0I - following our previous announcement we have received a huge number of requests and suggestions to make our project better and more successful. We REALLY appreciate and consider them all. Majority of the notes - understandably - refer to increasing several bands and modes we'll be active on from Bouvet Island. This all pushes us to expand our plans.

Even though we initially planned the 3Y0I DXpedition with a small (but sturdy) power-sailor yacht and by a small, reliable and experienced team, we cannot deny we've also been looking for a chance to go there with a bigger team. It is clear we should do so to meet the huge demand of ATNO and to provide as many slots/modes worldwide as possible. We have also been looking to different options to reduce expedition's cost while utilizing maximum resources: operators, equipment and right security measures.

As also announced before, we have found a suitable and – the most important – reliable ship in a perfect shape with a responsible crew with Southern Oceans and Antarctic experience – at much lower cost. After negotiations with the ship's owner, we were able to reduce our DXpedition's budget to \$225 000 USDs in total. YES – we are talking about the REAL cost of bringing a BIG team and a GOOD gear to the island. And another "YES": we have already secured MORE THAN A HALF of our estimated budget amount and signed an initial contract with the ship's owner.

Since any other DXpedition to Bouvet Island is not going to materialize anytime soon and most of the donations funded to previous Bouvet's activation are being sent to DX Foundations around the world (and yet they were dedicated by donors to this entity), we decided to apply for grants to cover missing amount of our budget. By doing so, we feel much confident that is a right decision-making and we have got right arguments in hand:

- * Drastically lower cost of the project while still maintaining an experienced and reliable big team and equipment to meet DXers' demands. At least 1/3 of cost of any other similar expedition announced recently!

- * After careful reading of application and grant rules of DX foundations we apply to, none of them states they'd support a specific group of operators/applicants but they're clearly in charge to support projects that meet application criteria and ventures to bring rare DXCC entities on the air and which continue amateur radio legacy. It is our turn and chance now, isn't it?

- * As said before, the money collected by different organizations are meant to be spent on the very precisely defined purposes: e.g. Bouvetøya on the airwaves for the amateur radio community worldwide. Thus, once granted, in this case and circumstances, we should not ask individual donors for donating to the same entity over again but expecting the support from the foundations themselves. Individual donors already donated much to a project that turned out unsuccessful and with the foundations' support received, we would not feel ethically "OK" and in charge to ask for private money for the same goal.

- * At last, but not least, we wish to bring back life to DXpeditioning and to make it more open for next amateur radio generations by cost reducing and opening – at last – "DXped doors" to new experienced operators.

We strongly believe that DX foundations we have applied to will understand our arguments and possibilities and will rise to the challenge of our way of thinking: more amateur radio, more attractive activations from the most wanted entities and less money and business involved. Crossing fingers for bringing Bouvetøya onto airwaves. It is our chance now!

Items used with acknowledgement to the ARRL Letter, the ARRL DX News, the ARRL Contest Update, OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX Bulletin, DXNL Newsletter, WIA-News, the RSGB News, DxCoffee, Southgate ARC News, DX World and the Amateur Radio Newsletter



IOTA AF-085 Elephant Rock (-31.644376 18.142826) near to Koekenaap and Lutzville in the Western Cape.